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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all of the claims in this application, namely Claims 1-26, and replace by the following new claims .

27. (New) A polymeric material comprising a compressed assembly of melt formed fibers of a cross-linked oriented polyolefin, the fibers being bound together by a recrystallized melt comprising from 10% to 50% by weight of the polymer in the material, wherein both fibers are recrystallised melt phase are